

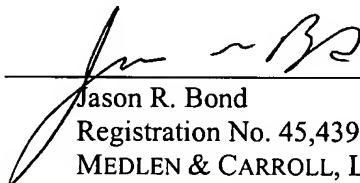
REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims into 2 different groups, which include the following: Group I (Claims 1-27) directed toward kits comprising a non-amplified oligonucleotide detection assay, and Group II (Claims 28-35) directed toward methods for multiplex amplification and detection of a plurality of CFTR alleles using limited cycles of PCR. Applicants hereby elect group II, Claims 28-35, without traverse. Applicants note that new Claims 36-47 have also been added. These claim are also in Group II.

Applicants note that the Examiner requested further restriction to a single allele for claims pertaining to specific alleles and specific combinations of alleles. As Applicants have elected claims to *multiplex* amplification and detection, this restriction does not apply to the elected claims.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this case, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 608-218-6900 at the Examiner's convenience.

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